Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—During the recent visit of the Second Member of Council, people of the localities concerned represented to him that 40 to 50 villages would be benefited by this project, and that they would be prepared to give a contribution of Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000. Will the Government be pleased to sanction the project in view of those representations? Secondly, are the Government aware that the gauging station connected with this scheme was built after all the rains were over?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I am not aware of the second point referred to. But I shall do what I can when the papers come before me.

Lakkavalli Project.

Q.—34. Mr. Patel BASAPPA (Shimoga Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the estimated cost of the Lakkavalli Project;

(*b*) the amount spent for surveying in connection with the scheme;

(*c*) the extent of land expected to be irrigated in each of the taluks according to the survey estimate?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) The project as at present contemplated is likely to cost about Rs. 222 lakhs.

(*b*) The expenditure to end of June 1938 is Rs. 1,46,364.

(*c*) Please see statement appended. (*Vide* Appendix)

Ganja Smuggling.

Q.—35. Mr. B. R. CHANDRASEKHARIAH (Shimoga Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that reference to Mysore *ganja* has been made in the report relating to the prohibitory activities submitted to the Madras Government by Mr. Dixon, I.C.S. Collector of Salem (published in *the Hindu*, dated 20th July 1938);

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by the Government to prevent the smuggling of Mysore *ganja* into Salem District;

(*c*) the total quantity of *ganja* sold during the last nine months, *i.e.*, from 1st October 1937 to 30th June 1938, in—

(i) Bangalore City.
(ii) Bangalore District,
(iii) the whole of Mysore State;

(*d*) similarly, the total quantity of *ganja* sold from 1st October 1936 to 30th June 1937 in—

(i) Bangalore City,
(ii) Bangalore District,
(iii) the whole of Mysore State;

(*e*) the places in Mysore State where *ganja* is grown and the quantity and value of *ganja* produced from 1st October 1937 to 30th June 1938;

(*f*) similarly, from 1st October 1936 to 30th June 1937;

(*g*) as indicated in Mr. Dixon's report, whether the Government of Madras or the Collector of Salem have sought the co-operation of the Mysore Government in the matter?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao).

(*a*) Yes. (*Vide* letter No. Fl. 989, dated the 23rd August 1938, from the Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department.)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) 534 seers, (ii) 1,629 seers, (iii) 7,155 seers.

(*d*) (i) 523 seers, (ii) 1,475 seers, (iii) 6,634 seers.

(*e*) Only in the Goribidnur Taluk. No *ganja* was produced during the period referred to.

(*f*) 416 maunds. Price paid to the licence, Rs. 13,490.

Value including duty and price at Rs. 27-8-0 *plus* Rs. 2 per seer of 80 tolas, Rs. 4,90,880.

(*g*) Yes.

Power Generation at Jog.

Q.—36. Mr. B. R. CHANDRASEKHARIAH (Shimoga Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the sites selected by the previous Engineers for the construction of the dam across the river Sharavati for the generation of electric power at Jog;

(*b*) the height of the dam proposed by them and the estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) whether the present Engineers suggested the selection of a different site for the dam;

(*d*) if so, the height of the dam now proposed to be constructed and the estimated cost thereof?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**—

(*a*) The sites selected are called Gilagandy, Karagalla, Honnemardu and Hirebhaskar.

(*b*) The height of the dam depends upon the amount of power the Government decide to produce.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*) above.

State Forests near Agumbe Ghat Frontier.

Q.—37. **Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) the total number of the various kinds of trees felled and removed from the State Forests near Agumbe Ghat frontier in Tirthahalli Taluk from the year 1930 to end of 30th June 1938:

(ii) the total quantity of timber (in feet) of various kinds felled and removed therefrom;

(iii) the number of Balgi trees removed; the number of Balgi logs and other timber that are proposed to be felled hereafter;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that for these reasons the thick growth of forest area is getting thinner;

(*c*) whether it has also come to their notice that, for the same reasons, rainfall on the Western Ghats is diminishing;

(*d*) whether any arrangements are made for planting fresh trees in view of the diminution in rainfall;

(*e*) if so, in how many years can the trees be expected to fill in the gaps left by the removal of timber?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) (i) 3,873 trees.

(ii) 8,28,466 c.ft.

(iii) 14,260 poles. During the current year, it is proposed to extract 650 poles. Future exploitation will depend upon the demand and the market conditions.

(*b*) Not to any appreciable extent.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The rate of growth is being watched and it is too early to forecast when the new trees will be ready for exploitation.

Indebtedness in Mysore.

Q.—38. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk), and K. MALLE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total indebtedness of the people of Mysore;

(*b*) whether Government have conducted any economic survey;

(*c*) the steps taken to relieve the debtors of their indebtedness?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) No precise information is available.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Usurious Loans Act, The Agriculturists' Relief Act and the Debt Reconciliation Act were introduced. The Civil Procedure Code has been recently amended raising the limit of salary exempt from attachment. The question of adopting a Money Lenders' Act is under consideration.

Capital Works undertaken by the Kadur District Board.

Q.—39. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk), and K. MALLE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).**—